

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicants propose to amend Claims 10 and 12, and cancel Claims 1, 4, 6-9 and 11. Upon entry of the proposed amendment, Claims 10, 12 and 14-17 will remain pending in the present application. Claims 2, 3, 5, 13 and 18-21 were canceled by the previous amendment. Claim 10 is the sole independent claim.

In the Office Action dated June 22, 2005, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 4 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Clark in view of DeVrou, or further in view of McBride. Claims 10 and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Clark in view of McBride. The Examiner indicated that Claims 11, 12 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

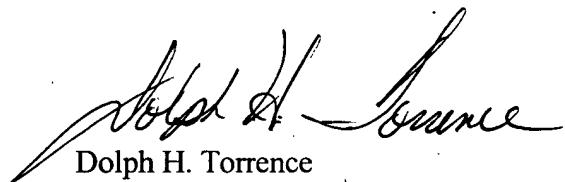
The proposed cancellation of Claims 1, 4 and 6-9 by the present amendment renders the prior art rejections of record moot with respect to these claims. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. In this regard, Applicants propose to amend independent Claim 10 to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 11. The dependency of Claim 12 has been changed to now depend from Claim 10. Applicants respectfully submit that for at least these reasons, independent Claim 10, as amended, and corresponding dependent Claims 12 and 14-17 are allowable over the prior art applied of record.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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